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Just as other people did-He asked him for a billy goat,

Harry Tucker.

### Social and Personal

Christmas is the season for happy furnily revelon and for delightful house parties in Virginia.

To-day many of those who can do so will avail themselves of an opportunity fir visit their homes in different parts of the State and eat their Christmas turkey around the board with their own

many of the bright young Richmond girls and boys who have been at boarding school or otherwise out of town, will return to celebrate the joyous festival here and add their quota to the general fund of mirth and light-heartedness, which distinguishes the holiday.

The clubs will keep open house to-day and a big bowl of egg-nog, wreathed in holly and cedar, will be a conspicuous feature, not only in clubdom; but in many of the private houses, where the habit of good cheer and joility still prevails.

The morning church service and the beautiful Christmas music will attract more than the usual throng of worshippers. The church decorations in the Christmas greens, the emblems of gladmess and life, seem ap expression of a desire voiced of old by Isaiah when he said:

The glory of Lebanon shall come unto e: the fir tree, the pine tree and the together, to beautify the place of sanctuary."

dinner usually falls at a Christmas dinner usually talls at atte hour, when the various out-of-doc utes and pleasures are ended and there are no opportunity for a full gatherin and mutual enjoyment, and reciprocity the evening is commonly finished wit Gance for young and old, the matron aking part in the Virginia reel, with which the merry round is finished.

#### Sclater-Harding.

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There was a very pretty marriage yesterday murning at 9:30 o'clock at the residence of the Rev. C. C. Cox, on Twenty-third Street, when Miss Sydna Harding became the bride of Mr. John Hamilton Sclater, in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Wilmer Hughes and Mr. Bernard Z. Irving, cousins of the groom, were the only attendants. They entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wodding march. Then came the bride, Jeaning on the arm of the groom. They were met by the Rev. Mr. Cox, who performed the ceremony under a large bell, in the middle of the room.

After receiving congratulations of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sclater were driven to the Main Street Union depot, where they took the 10:20 train for Scottsville, the home of the bride. There a grand reception will be tendered bride and groom to-night.

te-night.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harding, of Fluvanna county, and looked lovely in a dark blue tailor suit, worn with white hat and gloves. She carried white chry-

The groom is the son of the late Mr.
and Mrs. Hamilton S. Schater, and holds
a position with the Chesapeake and Ohio
Railway Company, in this city, where
they will make their future home. They
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Rallway Company, they will make their future home. They will be at home to friends on Twenty-second Street after next Tuesday.

Among those who came to attend the wedding were Mrs. H. C. Ritter, of Hampton, Va., sister of the groom, and Miss Mary Seny, of Fluvanna county, the aunt of the bride.

#### The Social Register.

Mr. James Alston Cabell has arrived from Abbeville, S. C., where he stopped for a few days on his way home from Asheville, N. C. With Mrs. Cabell and his little daughters, he will enjoy his Asheville, N. C. With Mrs. Cashe and his little daughters, he will enjoy his Christmas at home, on East Grace Street. Those of Mr. Cabell's friends who have seen him since his arrival think he is quite in his usual health.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray, Jr., and Master John Springer Gray, who have been for some months in Atlanta and n Wilmington, N. C., with Mrs. Gray's parents, are now occupying their apart-ments at the Chesterfield.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Lile and children, of the University of Virginia, are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Carson, of No. 600 Floyd Avenue.

Mrs. S. C. Richardson, of Staunton, ill arrive next week, and will be with Miss Pitzer, No. 115 East Franklin

Dr. and Mrs. Jessie Reeve, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Alten Miller, of Baltimore, will visit Mr. and Mrs. William G. Miller, ther purents, at No. 409 East Grace Street, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glasgow and little daughter, of London, England, are visiting Mrs. Glasgow's father, Mr. John P. Branch.
This is the first time Mrs. Glasgow has been in Richmond since her marriage several years ago. Both she and Mr. Glasgow have many friends in Richmond, who will give them a warm welcome.

Cadet Wellington Winston, who has been attending the Millersburg Military Institute Millersburg, Ky., is at home on furlough for the holidays.

Mr. Randolph Cardoza, of the University of Pennsylvania, reached Richmond Wednesday and will be with Mr. and Mrs. Junius Mosby during Christmas.

Miss Charlotte Miller, Miss Ella Hammond and Miss Alma Cecil, who have been at the Mary Baldwin Seminary dur-ing this year, will all be in Richmond for the Christmas vacation.

Friends of Miss Ellie Bosher are sorry to hear of her illness in New York, where she has been visiting Mrs. S. Bar-ton French.

Miss Bosher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Bosher, have gone on to New York, and will remain with her until she improves.

Mr. Bigger Here.

Mr. H. McGuire Bigger, of Norfolk, is in the city to spend the holidays with his mother and brothers.

Mr. Bigger has about recovered from his recent illness, and is now in fairly recod health.

#### What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try



pared in two minutes. No boiling I no baking I add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Rasp-berry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day, to cts.

#### HANDKERCHIEF SET.



Nos. 6011 and 602.—As the season advances scarcely a garment is seen without some bit of decoration in the shape of a handkerchief. We have the handkerchief stock, the handkerchief shirt waist and negligae, and now its use is daintily brought out in the decoration of lingarie.

No. 6011.-The night dress shown No. 5011.—The night dress shown here has a round yoke, which is trimmed with a shaped handker-chief, forming a frill over the shoulders. The sleeves are also inished by a shaped handkerchief, which falls in pretty ripples over the arm. The neck of this night dress may be made high, if preferred.

No. 6912.—The drawers pattern is the open style, with fitted yoke and drawn string in back. They are inished on the lower edge with shaped handkerchief frill, to cor-respond with the night dress.

Sizes for night dress: No. 6011.— 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inch bust. Sizes for drawers: No. 6012.-20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 82, 34 and 36 inch

On receipt of 10 cents these patterns will be sent to any address. All orders must be directed to THE LITTLE FOLKS PATTERN CO., No. 78 Fifth Avenue, New York. When ordering, please do not fall to mention number.

Nos. 6011 and 6012.

#### ANIMAL STORIES FOR OUR **BOYS AND GIRLS**

The Conceited Goat.

"Hello, Mr. Billy Goat," cried Mr. Bull Frog. as they met one cold winter's day. "Howdy do?" "Don't call me Billy," replied Mr. Goat.

'It isn't dignified. Call me Mr. William

"Ah! ha!" laughed Mr. Frog. "If that is the case you will have to call me Mr. Bulliam Frog."
"No. I shan't," replied Mr. Goat, "And

if you do not do as I tell you, I shall give you a real good butting."
"No, you won't Billy," replied Mr. Frog.
"And as long as you are so nasty about
it I shall talk to you as I please. So,

as he could be, and he lowered his head and ran full tilt at Mr. Frog. It looked very much as if he would butt Mr. Frog



THEN YOU'LL HATE TO CALL ME BULLIAM."

all to pieces. But he didn't. As soon as all to pieces. But he clink. As soon as the goat got within four or five inches of the frog Mr. Frog leaped into the air and came down on the back of the goat's neck, where he held on tight. The goat tried to shake the frog off, but it was of no use. The frog held on tight and kept tickling Billy behind the car until the goat was almost crazy with rake.

was almost crazy with rage.
When he could stand it no longer Billy when he could stand it no longer Biny made a dash for the swamp. Deeper and deeper he got in the mire until he could move no further, He was stuck fast. Then Mr. Frog hopped out, and with a cheery "Good-bye, Billy," he left the goat to his fate.

#### OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF TO-DAY.

Tale of a Hat.

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A curious hat incident recently occurred at the opera in Nice. Mine Derewiltiski, wife of the Russian consul at Napes, who was formerly at Nice, insisted on occupying a prominent place at the opera, wearing her hat contrary to the regulations therein made and provided. These regulations therein made and provided. These regulations therein made and provided. These regulations are forth that at 'solves de gala' at the Nice Opera ladies in the boxes and stalls must be barcheaded. Alme, Derewitzski refused to take off her hat, and it is said that she set at nou-slit all the objecting officials of the house, from the highest to the lowest. A superintendent of police was then appealed to, and as he talked of a summons him berewitzski and her husband left the opera protesting. The Russian consul at Nuples subsequently placed the matter before his colleague at Nice, who is carrying the case to high quoriers.

#### Smiles That Failed.

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A capital story, which has the additional merit (writes a correspondent) of having teem of the consequence of the country is increased enormously owing to the large number of words which, with a slight inflexion of the voice, are used over and over again with an entirely different meaning. The missionary in question was preaching to some natives and assuring them that unless they rejected they would go to a place of punishment. Amazement rather than terror was written on the faces of his Oriental listeners, Why on earth, if they rejected his advice and refused to repont, should they be dispatched—to the local postolice. On another occasion a lecture was delivered in the course of which a beautiful mostly was being drawn from the gay career of the tiny butterfly, which was suddenly cut short in the cluthes of the spider. The simile, however, fell somewhat short of its intended meaning, and it was not until the laughter had subsided that the jecturer became aware that the victum which in the Corean language, it appears is synonymous with butterfly—London Daily News.

A Military Story.

"Speaking of military matters, reminds ma of a good story an officer was telling me some time ago, and it goes to snow that the private does not always know the men to whom he must pay more than

ordinary respect," said a man who takes an interest in matters of this sort. "The incident happened where a considerable number of fighters were quartered, and the private who figured in the story no doubt experienced some trouble in keeping up with the officers. One afternoon he was addressed by a sontleman he direct recognize as being another more than of an ordinary sort, and, in fact, he paid but scant attention to him. The gentleman was prompt to resent the scant courtes? He was not only lurt because of the lack of regard shown him by the private, but he was wratty. "Why don't you salute me?" he demanded of the private, "Salute you?" said the private, questioningly and sneeringly. "Yes-wily don't you salute me?" he gentleman said again, pulling his shoulders up and assuming the characteristic military attitude. 'I am your superior officer, and you owe me some sort of regard. The private canned him carefully. He thought for a second, then raised his hand and salute he gentleman. 'I'll salute you,' said the private, 'and if I find out you are not an officer, you or me will have to take a licking.' He found out afterwards that he had made no mistake in saluting the gentleman, for he was on officer. But the officer never thought any less of the private because of the incident."

The Children's Festival.

The religion which the wonderful Galilean Teacher brought into the world has given a glory and a significance to childhood it had never known before, and which is not known to-day except where the religion He taught prevails. It is only in the lands that are known as Christian that the sacredness of childhood is recognized and protected by every law and every safeguard that society and government can throw around it. Only in the lands where the name of the Nazerene is hold in reverence are the orphans, the walfs, the foundlings, the homeless, neglected and suffering children, taken in, sheltered taught and provided for with tender, thoughtful and generous care. Under the banner of no chier faith are there found such homes as the homes of Christendom; no homes where little feet are so tenderly guided, where the innocence and purity of childhood are so carefully fosiered and jealously guarded; no homes where so much is saerificed and nothing thought too dear that can bring joy, peace and large opportunity and privilege to the children. Strange, indeed, would it be if Christmas were not the day most loved by children, the anniversary of the birth of Him who is the best friend that childhood can ever know; who loved the children, blessed them, gave His life for them, and to whose spirit and teachings that are theirs to-day—Leslie's Weekly The Children's Festival.

#### CHRISTMAS DRUNK.

Fred Douglas Is Charged With

Many Minor Crimes. Fred. Douglas, colored, is locked up at the First Station on the charge of beatthe First Station on the charge of beat-ing his wife, attempting to set five to his residence, breaking the furniture, and with being drunk and disorderly. Douglas get full of whiskey and

Douglas got full of whiskey and diately made himself unruly and derly. He went home and threw the furniture at his wife, and then tried to set the house on fire. He feels sorry

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT DAY NURSERY

Wish to Present Each Mother With a Basket of Pro-

visions.

The board of managers of the Bell Bryan Day Nursery hope to give to the children of that institution a tree, on the Tuesday following Christmas day, which will be December 29th. They have issued the following:

At the same time it is our desire to At the same time it is our desire to present to each mother a basket of provisions. We trust that in this undertaking we may have the co-operation of our friends, and they may send from their abundant store something that will help to fill an empty larder. And may He who counts a "cup of cold water" given in His name, reward the giver. Contributions can be sent to the day nursery, on Nineteenth and Grace, at any time before Tuesday morning.

A New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. Arthur Chapman, writing from Durban, Natal, South Africa, says: "As a proof that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a cure suitable for old and young. I pen you the following: A neighbor of mine 124d a child just over two months old. It had a very bad cough and the perents did not know what to give it. I suggested that if they would get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and put some upon the dummy teat the baby was sicking it would no doubt cure the child. This they did and brought about a quick relief and cured the baby." This n quick relief and cured the baby." remedy is for sale by all druggists.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Chart Helichen

He asked him for a billy goat,
Also a little kid,
But Santa is a wise one,
As everybody knows)
He knows a goat's strong habit—
East up cans and shoes and clothesSo he sent to little Willie
Before the break of day,
Two rolls of country butter,
With the goat's he cannot play With the goals he cannot play, We have desided that the Christmas season is not always the brightest.

It might be for some people, but for some chors it aint, and we are in that class, because when we try to figure out how we are going to make the usual list of presents, we can't see how we are going to do so with the present high rate for coal and sealistin seeques.

Therefore we can't see how it is going to be so very bright with us and the six parefooted ones.

Admiral Porter, of the Chancery Court, went hunting the other day and brought oack some feathers.

He said he caught some birds and point, and with pride to the feathers on his coat, but nobody saw any birds and there are some doubts floating about in the Chancery Court.

Even Billy Woodson thinks there are some things to be considered in the

some things to be considered in the mutter before he settles in his mind that the admiral really all shoot something.

Mr. Woodson, himself, went after ducks the other day, and came back with five. Charlle Saville says it was only one, and that was caught in a trap.

Harry Madden's oyster stew makes us feel good on a cold day and we hate to pass one by when we can help it.

But when we are kept at home of our physician, who says we can't be on the street after dark, and are ordered to remain at our desk near the radiator in the day time, the only thing we can see in sight is some of Harry's clam chowden ext summer.

And then we are distressed that we can't commission with George Bargamin and get him to tell us what a big hurry he, is in.

We hope to be better soon. His hair was unkempt, could be used for a mop; Of a jug of good liquor he'd drink every He'd beard of Old Santa; so good and so

Who'd fill up with good things a stocking

He hadn't a stocking to cover his back. But he needed the things of this earth in And an idea evolved in the thick head of "I'll hang up my shoes on the post of the

gate.
And, over the way, I'll watch and I'll He hung up his shoes, and tucked him

Went to sleep and woke up at seven next But instead of his shoes he found this

Colonel Jordan missed his milk the other Colonel Jordan missed his milk the other morning, and when he went into his dining room to partake of his hot biscuits and coffee, he had to use condensed milk. Inquiry was made by the Colonel, but the neighborhood dog got all the blame, and it was not for several days that the Colonel was given the tip that Mr. Claiborne Epps and Mr. Willie Lookout, in coming down to their work playfully took possession of the bottle of milk as it sat on the stoop in front of the Colonel's residence.

He sent Messrs. C. and B. a bill about it, and he says it was a good joke, but he certainly did hate to lose that milk and have to go without it in his coffee.
We have already chosen our windows

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Ellot

No. 64.

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

BY PHILLI S BROOKS.

Phillips Brooks was born, Dec. 13, 1835, and died there Jan. 23, 1895.
He was a son of a wealthy merchant, a graduate of Harvard, a graduate of a Protestant Episcopal seminary, rector of Trinity, and bishop of Massachusetts.

LITTLE town of Bethlehem

How still we see thee lie!

The silent stars go by;

The everlasting light;

For Christ is born of Mary

And gathered all above,

O morning stars, together

Proclaim the holy birth!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The hopes and fears of all the years

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

Are met in thee to-night.

While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love,

And praises sing to God and King

And peace to men on earth,

How silently, how silently, The wonderous gift is given!

No ear may hear his coming

But in this world of sin,

Be born to us to-day. We hear the Christmas angels

O come to us, abide with us,

Our Lord Emmanuel!

The great glad tidings tell;

Phillips Brooks

So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heaven.

Where meek souls will receive him still, The dear Christ enters in. O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us we pray; Cast out sin and enter in,

frue that the canal will never be built, or if it is constructed it will enst a derit and sombre cloud over the effects. I have attempted to portray and will delay their accomplishment perhaps a century or more. It may bring war and trouble, with complications, the result of which no man can predict. What is this terribia proposition which contronts us and which bids fair to turn the lattimian canal into a curse in the place of a blessing? The answer is on every man's tongue who has given it a moment's serious consideration. It is this, we have paid too high a price for it, we have paid too high a price for it, we have bartered "lioner," the most precious of all our possessions, for fit if we accept the treaty under the circumstances by which it is surrounded we will accept it tainted with the withering curse of dishonor and broken faith. These be strong words. Are they justified by the facts? Let those who doubt read the selemn treaty of 1846, by which on Broad Street, and we were particular to select Moses May's, because we wanted to feel that we did not need any more shoes with a window the selected was Bruile's, for we by the selected was Bruile's, for we by the selected was Bruile's, for we by the condition of pastries and like to have candy in our overcoat pocket most of the time. In how a few plants around diring the holding season, so's things will book swell when our rich relatives come to see us. That's why we chus Billy Mann's window. When we get through choosing, and inish smoking our Man About Town cigur, and wake up, we may have another choose coming.

At any rate, there is a good deal in imaginator.

Andrew Daffron asked us to come over to Manchester and look at some of his noveltles in sofa pillows and frying pins, and when we went he said: "You're it."

We said we knew it.

Then he told us a good story about a Nirishman who was arrested for engaging in a fight. His counsel put up a magnificent plea for him, and told the jury that it was utterly imposs; ble for a man of such magnificent character, such noble instincts, such manly alms, such a standing in the community, to be guilty of a breach of peace.

When neculsed was asked to stand up, and the charge read to him, and he was asked if he were guilty, he said:
"Your honor before I heard the speech of my lawyer. I had intended to plead guilty, but now I plead not guilty,

These be strong words. Are they justified by the facts? Let those who doubt read the solomn treaty of 1846, by which we agreed with Colombia to keep involate the lathrus of Darlen and never to take possession of it. There was no ambiguity, either latent or patent, about it; it is plain, simple language; we bound our country as a nation not to take this precious land, but to profect in the hands of Colombia. We cannot plend infancy; we cannot plend coorcion; we stand before the whole world without a single argument which can be adduced in our favor. It is a terrible situation. It can be likened unto Mahomet's coffin, suspended midway between heaven and earth. But the path of duty is plain. Christianity and morality, the two great forces which go behind and support all civilization, command us to give up and reject the treaty. There is no middle ground. We cannot trade a nation's honor for it; if we do we lose that honor which

#### President Roosevelt and the Panama Canal.

Editor of The Times-Diematch:

Sin,—The Panama can: is a subject of commanding importance. There is hardly an intelligent man in North America who is not swayed by self-interest who does not wish it to be constructed at the earliest practicable date. It is beyond the ken of any one to predict the stupendous results which will occur after its completion. Its offect upon the world will equal, it, indeed, it will not surpass, the discovery of the occur after its completion. Its effect upon the world will equal, if, indeed, it will not surpass, the discovery of the New World in 1492 by Christopher Columbus. It has been the dream of ages. It will give to South America a new civilization, which will cause it to go forward in the progress of life with leaps and bounds. It will bring far off. Asia nearer to our doors, and will cast a glamour of light over the darkest container. It will stir the lethargy of the Malay, the Chinaman, and even the British Indian, and will do more to bring these people in touch with civilized progress than would be accomplished in a century without it. It will change the direction of an enormous trade, and will bring to life new and important industries. It will to a considerable extent alter the face of nature itself, for it will unite by an indissoluble and ever made by man. Its effect will be so great that even the imagination will hardly dare to depict its stupendous results. It will be the capstone of industrial enterprise in the New World, and will bring unfading renown to the nation that builds It. It will be the first check placed upon the growth and encreachment of Russia for a century or more, and it will be a check from which she can never fully for a century or more, and it will be a check from which she can never fully recover. It will force that great nation

for a century or more, and a war fully recover. It will force that great nation to take a second place in the world. If it is successful the United States of America will leap into the arena and it will be known as the leading nation of mankind. As time passes the trade will grow more and more important. To the Southern States of this Union it will be an inestimable boon; it will make them almost a garden spot of the earth. Cotton will be king in truth as well as in name, and corn will become a monarch of no mean importance for the market, for it will be greatly enlarged. It will add materially to the value of every foot of land from the Potomac of the Rio Grand Del Norte. Doubtless these advantages greatly impressed our President; strenuous by nature, he saw before him this glittering prospect; the still small voice of ambition bade him break precedent and violate law to accomplish this great object.

Tid he de right? Here we are met with ment is born.

The American flag was never before prostituted for so unholy and immeral a purpose. Where was the treaty of 1846?

Go ask the winds that round thee roll; answer it in your hearts; every honest man knows the asswer. man knows the answer.

great object.
Did he do right? Here we are go without it in his coffee. the global street of the group already chosen our windows our bidding. For, if the proposition is

is at once our birthright and our strength. Look calmly at the circumstances. Panama, a great wide, wild territory unexplored, in part, inhabited by a mong el race of Indians, negroes, Spaniards, Frenchmen, with a large and varied assortment of half breeds, where the percentage of ignorance and liliteracy is almost phenomenal; with perhaps less than three hundred thousand population in all, and yet it is between two days, recognized as a nation of the world, and why? Ah! Here comes the rub; Hie labor est! What was the motive? The answer comes in thunderstones, it was to outwit Colum-What was the motive? The answer comes in thunderstones, it was to outwit Columbia and obtain by illegitimate means that which we could not openly and honorably obtain. For shame! For shame! And from all accounts it was accomplished in great part by bribery, the pet governmental firm of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. advancing \$300,000 to concide the treacherous bargain. There is so little patriotism in Panama that it is said that they have no word to express its meaning in their language. Hence the necessity of bribery. Let us attempt to describe briefly the manner in which the nation is ushered into existence. A few of the mongrel people come forth

for it; if we do we lose that honor which is at once our birthright and our strength.

on a bright morning, led by a Frenchman, who has a large pecuniary interest in the undertaking; they raise a strange new flag; near by stand the American marines armed to the teeth, with the Starg and Stripes of the United States of Stars and Stripes of the United States of America floating over them. The Colombians start to take it down; they do not understand this new strange device, but the commander of the American marines acting under orders from the Commander-in-Chief of the United States army, says No: touch it not, it is the flag of secession, and presto change, a new government is born.

If we break and violate that treaty we will be guilty of the dark crime of repudiating a most sacred obligation.

Is not the price too high? Can we afford it? Can we afford to have the finger of scorn pointed at us forever? I do not hest-

tate to state that if the treaty is ratified by the American Senate under the circuin-stances, it will bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every honest man and woman in our broad land. We promised Colombia to protect and hold sacred this important strip of land, and to guarantee there is their possession of it, and though important strip of land, and to guarantee them in their possession of it, and though we promised to our loss, yet it is our duty to make that promise good. It is the solemn duty of the United States Senate to reject this treaty. Let Senators John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin when the yote is taken, state that the procede of Virginia with almost practical we promised to our loss, yet it is our duty to make that promise good. It is the solemn duty of the United States Senate to reject this treaty. Lot Senators John W. Daniel and Thomas S. Martin when the vote is taken, state that the people of Virginia with almost practical unanimity want the Panama Canal, but they are unwilling to barter a outlons honor for it, and hence they vote "No." And after all we will really be losing nothing, because the ablest engineers of the world, with Sir John Hawkins at their head, declare that it is a physical impossibility to build the canal at the present location: they insist that Nicaragua is immeasurably superior to it, and so says Senator Morgan, of Alabama, who, perhaps, knows more about it than any other living man. More than fifteen years ago when Lieutenant Wyse made his report to the celebrated meeting in Paris. ago when Lieutenant Wyse made his reago when Lieutenant wyse mane his report to the celebrated meeting in Paris, a large majority of the engineers favored Nicaragua, All agreed that there is not the least doubt about its successful construction there. It was the commanding influence of De Lesseps which forced the choice of the Panama route against the choice of the Panama route against the cambined wisdom of many of the year. Influence of De Lesseps which forced the choice of the Panama route against the combined wisdom of many of the very best engineers of the world. This is a well known fact. Lot the Senate reject the treaty and then immediately reopen negotiations with Nicaragua. This is the only honest course that we can pursue. It is said that the transcontinental railroads have quietly thrown their influence in favor of the Panama route, knowing that it would amount to a defeat of the whole scheme which from selfish motives they desired. As for the President he deserves no sympathy; his vaulting ambition has overleaped liself; he has forgotten that morality is the only security for free institutions; he has attempted to prostitute the power of the Federal government accomplish an immoral purpose; the country will not follw him in the path of repudiation which he has plazed out for them.

them.

I am not surprised at his conduct. Since he trampled under his feet the sacred traditions of centuries, and offered an afront to ten millions of people by breaking bread at the White House with a front to ten millions of people by breaking bread at the White House with a negro, ne man ought to be surprised at anything he does. His puny arm, however, is powerless to turn back the tide of honest indignation, which will consign him to an oblivion whose darkness will only be equaled by its duration. He has shown himsolf to be singularly lacking in those qualities which bring respect and admiration. It will be a grand gala day for the Democratic party if the Republican party nominates him as its standard bears for the high office of President, Good politics should induce all Democrats to force them to do it if possible. The two black chapters in his history, one the Booker Washington Incident, the other the Panama treaty; either would be overwhelming. The Democrats should stand together, and vote together as unit. Let them follow the leacership of the grand old man from Maryland, Arthur P. Gorman, who, when Henry Cabot Lodge, actuated by a diobolical feeling of hatred to the South and its institutions, had caused the passage of the "force bill," the most infamous measure in the annals of American statesmanship, defeated it "horse, foot and dragoons" in the Senate, and thereby laid the southern people under a debt of gratitude which they are eager to repay. The time is propitious; the passions of war two in-

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CAMM PATTESON,
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